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Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know whether any report has been called for as to whether his condition is such that he deserves to be released or not ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I shall do so, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know how, although very detailed information is given so far as clause (a) is concerned, no information is available so far as the other clauses of this question are concerned ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Because it is not available."

Deaths among political prisoners.

* 196-A Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of deaths among the political prisoners in different jails in this Presidency with details as to the nature and the duration of the disease and malady, if any, they respectively suffered from and the treatment given to them for their cure ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Were any reports received at all about the death of any prisoner ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I cannot say whether any report was received of any person's death. I have no report on the death of this particular prisoner."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"I am afraid the hon. Member is referring to the previous question. I hope the prisoner is still in full life to receive some consideration at his hands. We are now on question No. 196-A. I want to know whether any prisoners died in the jails, among politicals"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I have no information ; but if my hon. Friend is particular, I shall call for it."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"It is a very serious matter, Sir, and I hope the hon. the Law Member will oblige this House by calling for the information."

Death of Mr. S. Satyanarayana Moorthy Gupta in jail.

* 196-B Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Siva Satyanarayana Moorthy Gupta of Intur village of Tenali taluk, a satyagrahi prisoner, died of dysentery in the Central Jail, Trichinopoly, on or about the 9th January 1931 ;

(b) how long he was suffering from dysentery ;

(c) when his illness showed signs of being serious and whether his parents or relatives were informed of it ;